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Applicant: G. G. Schlauder, et al.

Serial No.: 09/468,147

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETECTING HEPATITIS E VIRUS

Examiner: (Not Yet Assigned)

Case No.: 6232.US.P1

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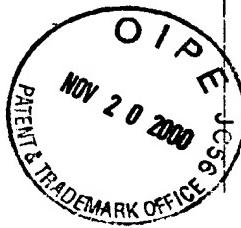
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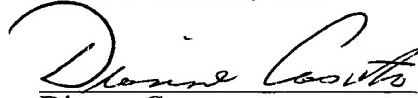
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Dear Sir:

Applicants filed the above-referenced application on December 21, 1999. Applicants also filed a Preliminary Amendment on April 5, 2000. As of the present date, Applicants have not received an Office Action in connection with this application. Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the PTO provide information concerning the status of the application, by checking the appropriate box on the next page. A stamped return-addressed envelope is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
G. G. Schlauder, et al.

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